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THE CONSTITUTION

I. NAME

The Board shall be called "The Board of Missionary Preparation (for North America)."

II. THE AIM

The Board of Missionary Preparation shall have for its aim to secure the most adequate kind and quality of preparation for those who are in training for foreign missionary service.

III. ORGANIZATION

1. The Board of Missionary Preparation shall be appointed by and be responsible to The Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

2. It shall be composed of not more than thirty-six members, who shall be appointed for not over three years. At the first appointment they shall be arranged in three groups appointed for one, two and three years, respectively. Members shall be eligible for re-election.

3. All vacancies shall be filled by The Foreign Missions Conference of North America from nominations made by The Board of Missionary Preparation, except that vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by the Executive Committee of the Board to serve until the next meeting of The Foreign Missions Conference.

4. The officers of The Board of Missionary Preparation shall consist of a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be appointed by The Foreign Missions Conference on the nomination of the Board from the members of the Board, and who shall be members *ex-officio* of the Executive Committee of the Board.

5. The Board of Missionary Preparation shall appoint annually an Executive Committee of six in addition to the officers above named, making nine in all, whose duties shall be to carry out the aims of the Board under the methods hereinafter defined, and to report its transactions in full to the Board.

6. The Board shall hold an annual meeting at which it shall hear the annual report of its Executive Committee, consider all matters proper to its general aim, appoint its Executive Committee for the following year, and prepare its own annual report to the Conference. Other meetings of the Board may be held at the call of the Executive Committee. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

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7. The Board shall have the power to create special co-operating committees, to include persons not members of the Board, for the purpose of making specific investigations or carrying out specific and temporary projects, the chairman in each case to be appointed from the members of the Board.

IV. METHODS

1. The Board shall urge the importance and need of special missionary preparation as emphasized in the Report of Commission V to The World Missionary Conference, 1910.

2. The Board, through its Executive Committee and its officers, shall enter into correspondence with similar Boards in Europe, with Missionary Boards, with Theological Seminaries and Colleges, with Missionary Training Schools, with missionary leaders at home and abroad, and with institutions for special missionary preparation on the field, to discover both what is being done and what ought to be done for the best equipment of the missionary.

3. It shall maintain correspondence with Missionary Boards for the purpose of acquiring information and affording aid in the adequate preparation of prospective missionaries.

4. It shall be ready to assist young men and women who desire information and advice regarding the best way in which they individually may acquire the training necessary for their respective forms and fields of missionary service, in harmony with the policy and plans of the several Boards concerned.

5. It shall be ready to advise with the officers and teachers of Theological Seminaries and Colleges and Special Missionary Training Schools, regarding the subjects and methods of missionary preparation, to help them in finding suitable teachers and lecturers.

6. It shall be ready to advise with missionaries on furlough, who have strength and inclination for the pursuit of studies which they feel important for their future work, as to the best manner of fulfilling their desire.

V. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of The Foreign Missions Conference of North America, provided a written notice shall have been given to The Board of Missionary Preparation and all the Boards and Societies represented in the Conference at least three months in advance.

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONARY PREPARATION
HELD IN NEW YORK CITY
DECEMBER 6, 1917

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Board of Missionary Preparation was held in the Conference Room at 25 Madison Avenue, New York City, on December 6, 1917.

The Board was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by the Chairman, President William Douglas Mackenzie, D.D.

Professor William O. Carver, D.D. of Louisville, Ky., read Isaiah 44:12-28 as the Scripture lesson and led in prayer.

The following members were present:

Dr. James L. Barton	Principal T. R. O'Meara
Prof. Harlan P. Beach	Pres. Charles T. Paul
Dr. David Bovaird	Prof. Henry B. Robins
Miss Helen B. Calder	Dr. T. H. P. Sailer
Prof. Edward W. Capen	Miss Una Saunders
Prof. William O. Carver	Prof. Edmund D. Soper
Dr. William I. Chamberlain	Dr. Robert E. Speer
Rev. George Drach	Pres. J. Ross Stevenson
Prof. Daniel J. Fleming	Mr. Fennell P. Turner
Pres. Henry C. King	Pres. Addie Grace Wardle
Prof. Walter L. Lingle	Dr. Charles R. Watson
Dr. R. P. Mackay	Dr. Stanley White
Pres. W. Douglas Mackenzie	Pres. Wilbert W. White
Dr. Frank Mason North	
Dr. Frank K. Sanders, Director	

A quorum being present, Chairman Mackenzie declared that the Board would proceed to the consideration of its business.

Explanations for the absence of the following members by reason of conflicting engagements made before the change of date from January back to December were presented by Director Sanders: Professor Anderson, Professor Burton, Dean Fosbroke, Dr. Mott, Dean Russell and President Woolley. The Director also announced that Professor O. E. Brown was unable to get leave from Camp Oglethorpe, and that Dr. Endicott and Bishop Lloyd were in the Orient on behalf of their respective Boards.

The program as proposed by the Executive Committee was then, on motion of Secretary Turner, adopted as the Order of the Day.

The Minutes of the Sixth Annual Meeting, held in New York City, December 6, 1916, were submitted in printed form and approved.

Chairman Mackenzie then reviewed the work of the year as follows:

It is a matter of deep regret on my part that my year of poor health, throughout which I have practically been off duty, has prevented me from continuing to keep as closely in touch with the work of our Board as usual. But it occupies a very important place in my thinking.

Its work this year has shared to some extent in the disturbance which has affected all our institutions, and yet, on the other hand, I suppose that no kind of work is receiving greater stimulus from the pressure of these times than the work of training and educating those who are going to undertake the great work of reconstruction and vitalization in the world hereafter. Nothing that has come out of the experience that we are having just now everywhere throughout the world is more impressive than the general insistence today upon a sterner estimate of what real preparation for any such line of action should involve.

Missionary work everywhere is going to be stimulated to a very remarkable degree by the events that we are passing through. The world is being shaken to its very foundations. Non-Christian nations are asking old questions with a new insistence, and they are asking some new questions, some of them very startling. The forces of Christian missions must not only be multiplied, but they must be increased in quality and effectiveness, in spiritual power and in intellectual range.

All parts of the world are going to strive after new aims and new knowledge. Africa will awaken more rapidly in the next ten years than it has in the last fifty years. When this war is over every missionary in Africa will be facing new problems and new forces. So it will be with those in the Far East. The mastery of these problems will test to the uttermost every type of resourcefulness.

Now, the task of the Board of Missionary Preparation is the steady

raising of the standards of those who are looking forward to the mission field, enabling them to realize what it means to be adequately prepared for a missionary career. We are even aiming to persuade our missionary candidates to think that they need to be far more thoroughly prepared than many of their advisers on the home field seem to think is needful. The demands upon their intellectual equipment are surely going to be very severe. Any man or woman going to the foreign field unprepared to meet such strenuous demands will be a very weak servant of the church and a poor leader for the community where he spends his life.

On the other hand, the Board desires to be of service to the Foreign Boards in an advisory capacity, and to help them face the problems that are accentuated by this demand for a higher level of intellectual no less than spiritual efficiency on the field. Undoubtedly such a demand forces upon them new problems of administration. Probably it will introduce them to some problems of policy which require changes of importance; but I feel certain that no Board in North America, not even the greatest one, has followed the work of this Board without concluding that it was challenged to set a higher standard than it had yet demanded. Such standards, of course, involve administrative problems, problems by no means small; but they will be met, when once understood, with alacrity, keenness and real pleasure.

With all the disadvantages with which we have had to contend, the work of the year shows, I think, a great advance. I am hopeful that when the Director makes his detailed report before you, and when you come to study the results of the labors of our various committees, that you will conclude that the Board has forged steadily forward. There are and will always be some people who feel that our intellectual standards have been too severe and too remote for the attainment of the ordinary student and candidate for foreign missionary service. We must certainly guard against growing away from our constituency. In my judgment, our best way is to go as far ahead as we can, then come back to help the limping and the lame by whatever means we can discover, so that they may reach the standard that we have set before them.

The only other remark that I will make is to point out a fact that we shall discover, as we go along with the business of the day—namely, that Doctor Sanders and Mr. Turner have been working with the same faithfulness as of old. We owe a debt of deep gratitude to them for all their labors.

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At the conclusion of the address of the Chairman, on motion of Secretary Turner, Rev. A. L. Warnshuis, D.D., Secretary for Evangelism of the China Continuation Committee, and Deaconess Goodwin of the Episcopal Board were invited to sit with the Board and to participate in the discussion.

The report of the Executive Committee covering the period from December 1, 1916, to November 30, 1917, was read by Mr. Fennell P. Turner, the Secretary of the Board:

Your Executive Committee begs leave to present the following report of the work of the Board of Missionary Preparation for the past year.

I. *Sixth Annual Meeting of the Board.*—The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Board of Missionary Preparation was held in the Conference Room, 25 Madison Avenue, New York City, December 6, 1916. In the absence of Chairman Mackenzie, the Board was called to order by Director Sanders, who announced that the Chairman was prevented from attending on account of illness. President J. Ross Stevenson of Princeton was elected Chairman *pro tem*. The Board was in session from 9 o'clock in the morning until 6:30 in the afternoon, with a short recess for luncheon.

II. *Report of the Board to the Foreign Missions Conference.*—The report of the Board was presented to the Foreign Missions Conference at Garden City, L. I., on January 10, 1917, at the afternoon session.

1. In the absence of Chairman Mackenzie, Director Sanders briefly reviewed the work of the year 1916.

2. Mr. Fennell P. Turner, Secretary, presented to the Conference the nominations made at the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Board for members and officers, and the following were duly elected:

(1) Members whose terms expire in 1920:

Ernest D. Burton, Helen B. Calder, W. O. Carver, D. J. Fleming, H. E. W. Fosbroke, H. C. King, Arthur S. Lloyd, R. P. Mackay, W. D. Mackenzie, F. M. North, Una Saunders, E. D. Soper.

(2) To fill vacancies:

Stanley White, term to expire in 1919, in place of Fred P. Haggard.

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- (3) For officers for the year April 1, 1917, to March 31, 1918:
Chairman—W. Douglas Mackenzie.
Secretary—Fennell P. Turner.
Treasurer—W. I. Chamberlain.

- (4) For Director of the Board for the year April 1, 1917, to March 31, 1918—Frank K. Sanders.

3. The reports of the following committees of the Board were presented:

- (1) Preparation of Missionaries for Presenting the Gospel Message to Hindus—By Professor E. W. Capen, Chairman of the Committee.
- (2) Preparation for Work Among Moslems—By Dr. James L. Barton, on behalf of the Chairman, Dr. Watson, who was in Egypt.

In the absence of the Chairmen, Director Sanders presented the reports of the following committees:

- (3) Preparation for Work Among Buddhists.
- (4) Preparation for Work Among Confucian Peoples.
- (5) Preparation of Missionaries for Literary Work.

The remainder of the period set apart for the Board of Missionary Preparation was occupied by the members of the Conference in discussing the reports presented. Many valuable suggestions were made, which will be used in the revisions of the reports.

4. The following budget of the Board for the year April 1, 1917, to March 31, 1918, was submitted to the Conference, and duly approved:

Expenses of Annual Meeting (including traveling expenses of members and stenographer)	\$900
Work of Committees of Board	600
Director's salary	5,000
Director's traveling expenses	700
For Conferences	400
Office expenses (including stenographers, clerks, stationery, postage, telegrams and telephones).....	1,485
Printing	1,000
Executive Committee expenses	400
Miscellaneous	100
Total appropriation	\$10,585

III. *Meetings of the Executive Committee.*—The meetings of the Executive Committee have been held during 1917 as follows:

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January 11th
April 11th
June 7th
December 5th

IV. *Changes in Membership of the Board.*—Since the Annual Meeting of the Board in December, 1916, the Rev. Professor Frederick L. Anderson has been elected a member of the Board, term to expire in 1918, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. John H. Strong.

V. *Work of Committees of the Board During 1917.*—

1. The Committees on Preparation for Presenting the Christian Message.

These Committees were authorized at the Annual Meeting of the Board in December, 1914, and were appointed early in the year 1915, and have been at work ever since. Most of the reports have gone through several revisions, and three of them are now soon to be published.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, held April 11, 1917, it was decided that each report of this series should include:

- (1) Bibliographies fully annotated and classified.
- (2) Suggestions as to studies of special value, classified by periods of study.
- (3) Suggested reading courses classified in accordance with periods of study.
- (4) Bibliographical references for each important paragraph.

In view of the difficulties experienced by the Chairmen of these Committees in completing their work and the impossibility of completing the reports simultaneously, it was also decided to issue each report on its completion as soon as it has been authorized by the Committee.

2. The Committee on Preparation for Literary Work—Professor E. D. Soper, Chairman.

This report was presented to the Board at the Annual Meeting in December, 1916, and to the Foreign Missions Conference in January, 1917, for criticisms and suggestions. Since then it has been fully revised and reprinted. It is presented at this meeting of the Board for further criticism and suggestions. It will also be sent to missionaries in different fields, and in the light of suggestions thus received a final revision will be made.

3. The Committee on Language Study—Professor E. D. Burton, Chairman.

This report will be laid before the Board for further criticism before it is revised, and submitted to missionaries in different fields and to other experts on language study before being finally printed.

4. The Committee on the Spiritual Life of the Missionary—Dr. Robert E. Speer, Chairman.

The first edition of the report of this Committee will be presented to the Board at this meeting for its consideration.

5. The Committee on the Cultural, Social and Practical Life of the Missionary—Dr. J. Ross Stevenson, Chairman.

This Committee will submit for consideration a sketch of its proposed report.

6. The Committee on the Physical Efficiency of Missionaries—Mr. Fennell P. Turner, Chairman.

The Chairman of this Committee will present to the Board a report of progress.

In connection with the studies of this Committee, there was held on June 12, 1917, a very important meeting of the Committee which was attended by the medical examiners of several Foreign Mission Boards, by candidate secretaries and by several medical missionaries. Nearly a whole day was given to a careful consideration of the subject. The work of the Committee will now be carried forward by sub-committees. The reports of the sub-committees will be considered by the whole Committee as soon as possible, and the report presented to the members of the Board.

7. The Committee on Facilities and Courses Available for Missionary Candidates and for Missionaries on Furlough—Dr. James L. Barton, Chairman.

This Committee has taken no action during the current year, awaiting the freedom of the Director to make special studies under its direction of the home institutions.

8. The Committee on the Use of the Missionary Furlough—Dr. Stanley White, Chairman.

This Committee has been organized, but has had no opportunity to carry out its plans.

9. The Committee on Specialization in the Training of Missionaries.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee, held June 7, 1917, Dr. T. H. P. Sailer, who was present by invitation, laid before it, in a carefully prepared paper, his conviction of the necessity of further investigation with regard to specialization in the training of mission-

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aries. After discussing the subject at some length, it was decided to appoint a Committee to investigate the subject more thoroughly, and to report the results of their investigations to the Executive Committee as soon as possible. The following were appointed on this Committee:

Dr. T. H. P. Sailer, Chairman
Dr. W. I. Chamberlain
Dr. D. J. Fleming
Dean H. E. W. Fosbroke
Dr. Stanley White

The investigations proposed are now going forward.

VI. *Conferences.*—At the Annual Meeting, held December 6, 1916, the Board authorized the Executive Committee to hold, during 1917, conferences as follows:

1. The local conferences which were authorized for 1916, but could not be arranged because of local conditions.
2. A conference for the consideration of the most effective use of the Missionary Furlough.

At its meeting, on January 11, 1917, the Executive Committee discussed plans for a conference on the Missionary Furlough, and voted to arrange for and hold such a conference as soon as the report of the Committee had been prepared, so that it could be made the basis for the discussions of the conference. It was also voted to fix the date of this conference whenever the report of the Committee is sufficiently advanced to insure its being ready to be placed in the hands of those invited to the conference.

The Executive Committee was influenced in this decision by the remarks made by Dr. Robert E. Speer at the Annual Meeting in December, 1916, in which he called attention to "the unsatisfactory method employed heretofore in determining the Findings of Conferences held by the Board." Dr. Speer's suggestions were referred to the Executive Committee to be taken into consideration in planning conferences in the future. The decision not to hold the conference on Missionary Furlough until the Report of the Committee on Furlough should be ready for distribution carries out Dr. Speer's suggestion, and has the further advantages of enabling the Committee to get the benefit of all that is said at the conference before its report is finally printed, and of making possible the putting into one volume of both the Report of the conference and the Report of the Committee.

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VII. *Publications of the Board.*—During the year the following publications have been issued:

1. The Report of the First Annual Meeting of the Board. For lack of funds, the Report of the First Annual Meeting of the Board has never been published. Fortunately, however, the record of the transactions of that meeting and the manuscripts of the addresses given on that occasion were preserved. At the meeting of the Executive Committee, held in January, it was voted that this report should be printed so as to complete the records of the Board, and to enable our annual volumes to be regularly scheduled and announced to all libraries by the Librarian of Congress. This report was duly prepared, and was published on October 1, 1917. The Committee has authorized the binding into one volume, for the use of members of the Board and a few others, the first three volumes. Each member of the Board will then have all issues of literature by the Board in permanent binding and convenient form. An index has been made for each volume, and other changes of method have been adopted with the view of increasing the convenience and reference value of our publications.

2. The Fifth Report. This report was published on April 25, 1917. It contains, in addition to the Constitution and Roster of Committees, the Minutes of the Fifth Annual Meeting and Reports of the Conference on the Preparation of Women for Foreign Missionary Service and the Conference on the Preparation of Medical Missionaries. The publication of this Report was delayed in the hope that we might be able to include the reports of other Committees.

3. The Sixth Report. This report will be published during December. It contains, in addition to the Constitution and Roster of Committees for 1917, the Minutes of the Sixth Annual Meeting and the Report of the Conference on the Preparation of Educational Missionaries. The publication of this report was delayed for several months in the hope that it might be possible to include in this volume the Report on the Preparation of Missionaries for Literary Work, the Report of the Committee on Language Study, and Reports of Committees on Preparation for Presenting the Christian Message, in accordance with the action of the Board at its last meeting. Since these reports could not be finished, the Executive Committee directed that the Sixth Report be issued as promptly as possible, to contain only the Constitution, the Roster of Officers and Committees for 1917, the

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Minutes of the Sixth Annual Meeting and the Report of the Conference on the Preparation of Educational Missionaries.

In view of the delays which have attended the preparation and revision of reports of conferences, the Executive Committee believes that the Reports of the Annual Meetings of the Board should be issued as separate pamphlets, so that they may become available for the use of the members of the Board and the secretaries of the Foreign Mission Boards and Societies within a few weeks after the Annual Meeting. A recommendation to this end will be presented in the recommendations of the Executive Committee.

4. The Reports on the Presentation of Christianity. The development of these reports of major importance has been the most important service rendered this year. Of these the one entitled "Presenting Christianity to Hindus" will probably be published on the very day of the Annual Meeting.

The report on the Presentation of Christianity in Confucian Lands is likewise completed and is now in the course of publication. To its perfecting Professor Beach has given lavishly of his time and strength.

The report on The Presentation of Christianity to Moslems is still in galley form, awaiting a highly desired critique from Cairo. This report had to be pushed along by the Committee, in the necessary absence of the chairman, Dr. Watson, in the Near East. The decision of the Executive Committee to model the reports in a general way upon that relating to Hinduism called for a thorough recasting of the report and for some additions, although all pains were taken to preserve the fine spirit and compelling interest of the first edition.

The report on The Presentation of Christianity to Buddhists was completed in its first edition in February and sent all over the world for inspection and criticism in March. Letters regarding it keep arriving from far distant quarters of the globe. There developed a general consensus of opinion to the effect that the report requires quite a little enlargement, virtually into a double report, one part dealing with the Mahayanistic Buddhism of Tibet, China and Japan, the other with the Hinayanistic Buddhism of Burma, Siam and Ceylon. The report was taken in hand for such revision in October by Dr. Paul, who will present a report of progress at this Annual Meeting.

The report on The Presentation of Christianity to Animists has made the least progress because of the long and severe illness of our

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chairman, Dr. Mackenzie, who accepted the chairmanship of that Committee. A suggested sketch of the report on Animism will be presented at the Annual Meeting. If this meets with approval, the report will be worked out in the course of the coming year.

5. Reports on the Life of the Missionary. At the last Annual Meeting it was voted to authorize the appointment of a Committee on the Cultural, Social and Practical Life of the Missionary, to work in harmony with the previously authorized Committees on the Spiritual Life, of which Dr. Speer was chairman, and on the Physical Life of the Missionary, of which Mr. Turner was the chairman. It was duly constituted, with Dr. Stevenson as chairman. These Committees have been at work during the year. Dr. Speer's Committee will present at the Annual Meeting its preliminary report in the form for general distribution. Dr. Stevenson and Mr. Turner will present outlines of their proposed reports.

6. The Report of the Conference on Preparation of Medical Missionaries. This report was published on January 31, 1917.

7. The Report of the Conference on Preparation of Women for Foreign Missionary Service. This report was published February 13, 1917.

8. The Report of the Conference on Preparation of Educational Missionaries. This report was published in December as a part of the Sixth Annual Report.

9. Reprints. There is a steady demand for our older publications, particularly for reprints of specific reports on preparation. The report on Preparation for Educational Service, originally presented to the Third Annual Meeting in January, 1914, and published in the Third Annual Volume, was issued, after very careful revision by Dr. Sailer and his colleagues, in a revised form on February 7, 1917. In its present form, like the parallel report revised and republished a year ago on the Preparation of Women for Missionary Service, it will be serviceable for a number of years. The preliminary steps have been taken for the similar revision of the other two reports on Theological and Medical Preparation, but the steady pressure of demands which seemed more important has prevented their completion.

VIII. *Finances of the Board.*—The following is a statement of receipts and expenditures of the Board covering the fiscal year April 1, 1916, to March 31, 1917:

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RECEIPTS

Net Balance Forward from 1915-16	\$240.87
Funds carried over on account of unfinished work for which appropriations had been made as follows:	
Report of Conference on Preparation of Women	\$200.00
Report of Conference on Preparation of Medical Missionaries	150.00
Printing Report of First Annual Meeting	500.00
Work of Committees on Religions	450.00
China Continuation Committee	100.00
Conference on Medical Preparation	81.64
	<hr/> 1,481.64
Total Balance Carried over from 1915-16	\$1,722.51
Grant from Committee of Reference and Counsel received during year	9,585.00
Interest	33.57
Rebate on Conference account25
Total Receipts	<hr/> \$11,341.33

EXPENDITURES

Annual meeting	\$465.90
Committee work	1,383.72
Director's salary	4,000.00
Expenses	617.21
Executive Committee expenses	91.12
Miscellaneous expenses of the Board	10.39
Office expenses	1,527.79
Printing Reports	\$2,609.78
Less receipts for sales	1,383.65
	<hr/> 1,226.13
Conferences	546.98
Paper purchased in advance for Reports and Reprints*....	1,014.82
	<hr/> \$10,884.06
Balance, March 31, 1917	\$457.27

IX. *The Director's Annual Report.*—

The Director of the Board, Dr. Sanders, has submitted the following report of the work of the year to the Executive Committee. It is included, with the approval of the Executive Committee, as a part of its report:

To the Executive Committee:

The past year has been, to an extraordinary degree, filled with editorial tasks. These have involved much research, a continuous correspondence and constant consultations with the chairmen and members of our Committees and with authorities of many types. It has seemed best to spare no pains to make the reports on religions as valuable as they can be made with the experience at our command. Large blocks of my time have been devoted to this end. I am glad to announce that three of the reports, viz., on Confucianism, on Hinduism and on Islam, are approaching completion. We owe much

* The present condition of the paper market has made it necessary to purchase in advance a stock of paper to be used in printing reports which have been authorized by the Board.

of their value to the scholarly cooperation of many, so many indeed that they cannot be mentioned here. The report on Presenting Christianity to Hindus was given a distinctive stamp by Dr. Jones, two years ago, but has undergone much careful revision under the capable direction of Dr. Capen, the Chairman, cordially assisted by Professors Barton, Fleming, Hopkins and Hume, whose many suggestions have added greatly to its permanent value.

The Report on the Presentation of Christianity in Confucian Lands owes more to Professor Beach, the Chairman, than to any other one person. To handle a task, such as he has had, calling for scientific comprehension and exactness, on the one hand, and for human interest and practical value, on the other, involves very rare qualities. He was fortunate in receiving, a year ago, the efficient cooperation of a group of experienced missionaries in China and has had further assistance within the past few months from such leaders, temporarily at home, as President Galt, Drs. Rawlinson and Warnshuis and Professor Robertson.

The Report on the Presentation of Christianity to Moslems has profited greatly by the unselfish cooperation of Professors Macdonald and Torrey, who enabled the report to be carried to completion during the long enforced absence of the Chairman, Dr. Watson, in the Near East.

A slight aftermath of the Congress for Christian Work in Latin America has been the rounding up of the set of conference reports. In January and March the two last volumes, one of them the Spanish Report, were put through the press.

During the year I have been greatly interested in rendering various important services, related more or less closely to the work of the Board. As chairman of a special committee appointed by the president of the American Board, I have investigated the question of that Board's entrance into South America. The committee reported at the last meeting of the American Board, but was asked to continue its task. For several years I have been serving as chairman of a committee of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations on Increase of Efficiency in Student Associations. This task has been brought to a close within the past year. In January last, with the approval of the Executive Committee, I accepted a place on the Executive Board of the American Institute of Social Service with especial reference to the development of its foreign mission service.

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There have been many calls for war work, Red Cross and League Service. I have wished to do my share, and finally accepted the duty of passing on applicants for war work service in the United States. My extensive acquaintance with the clergy and with Association men and methods enables me to be useful at this particular point and to save the services of a good man for use elsewhere. It takes about one-fourth of my office time and is readily compensated by evening work at home. So far as I am aware, my main duties have not suffered.

In October I was asked by Dr. Chalmers of Philadelphia, representing the Sunday-school Council of Evangelical Denominations and the denominational Boards of Education, to prepare a series of ten brief but comprehensive Advanced Standard Teacher Training Studies on the Program of Christianity. It seemed a unique opportunity to relate in a natural way, for the sake of those who are helping us to find candidates for missionary service, the local, national and worldwide work of the churches and to emphasize, as a real unity, the evangelistic, the social and the educational aspects of Christianity's program. With your approval this task has been undertaken and completed.

The following conferences or meetings have been attended during the year, most of them officially:

The Annual Meeting of the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America, January 8.

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America, January 8 to 11.

The Religious Education Association, February 27 to March 1.

The American Oriental Society, April 9 to 11.

Conference on Missionary Education, April 12.

Informal Conference on Training Schools in the Mission Field, April 26.

Meeting of the American Section of the Continuation Committee's Committee on Training Schools, May 9.

Conference of the International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations, May 12 to 14.

Training Conference for Outgoing Missionaries of the American Board at Boston, May 15.

The International Missionary Conference at Clifton Springs, N. Y., May 31 to June 2.

The Annual Meeting of the American Board and the National Council of Congregational Churches, October 10 to 15.

The Conference of Candidate Secretaries, November 19.

The Conference on Missionary Work in Africa, November 20 to 22.

It seemed a wiser policy this last summer to deal thoroughly with a few conferences than to drop in at many. I attended four:

1. The King's Mountain Student Conference for Colored Men, May 25 to 28. Out of a group of exceptionally able young men whom I have met during successive years of attendance at this conference, four-fifths are now in southern Europe, Mesopotamia or East Africa, rendering valued war work service. Some day they will make successful missionaries.
2. The Chesapeake Summer School for Secretaries at Harper's Ferry, June 14, 15.
3. The Eastern Student Conference of the Young Women's Christian Associations, Silver Bay, N. Y., June 22 to July 2.
4. The Central Student Conference of the Young Women's Christian Associations, Lake Geneva, Wis., August 21 to 31.

The opportunities at these conferences for talking with missionary candidates about their plans are remarkable.

At these many conferences I have taken my share of papers, discussions and addresses, aggregating during the year a very large number.

I regard visits to theological seminaries as well worth making and hoped to reserve time during the year for several groups of visits. I only succeeded in getting away in April for visits to Auburn Theological Seminary and to Colgate Theological Seminary.

The volume and range of our correspondence sorely taxes at times the capacity of our office. It is welcomed, however, as a means of promoting the broad interests of missions.

The presence in this country of Dr. Warnshuis and of other members of the missionary forces in China and Japan has enabled me to lay out a comprehensive plan for my movements on my trip to these countries, which will be presented at the Annual Meeting. I have drawn up a plan also for the conferences. Many letters have been received from the Far East expressing approval and welcome. No official program representing the judgment of the Continuation Committees in China and Japan has as yet been received, but probably, when received, it will not greatly alter the plans now made. According to them, I shall sail from Vancouver about March 15th, and return to San Francisco about October 1st.

These items indicate the increasing fulness and significance of the work of each year. Our organization surely needs no further justification. Under no circumstances would more than a small fraction

of its achievements this year have been possible under other auspices. It holds a field which no other organization occupies.

During this year it has called for a very large amount of unremunerated and yet highly valuable service from men and women outside of its ranks. This service has been cheerfully rendered. It could not be purchased. It comes to us because of the volume of similar service rendered so unhesitatingly by each member of our Board.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK K. SANDERS, *Director*.

X. *Nominations of Members and Officers*.—Under the Constitution of the Board, it is necessary to present at the Foreign Missions Conference in January, 1918, nominations as follows:

1. To fill the vacancy caused by expiration of the terms of office of the following:

Frederick L. Anderson
George Drach
James Endicott
John R. Mott
Charles T. Paul
Henry B. Robins
James E. Russell
T. H. P. Sailer
Robert E. Speer
Charles R. Watson
Wilbert W. White
Mary E. Woolley

2. The Officers for 1918.

3. The Director of the Board.

The Committee on Nominations should, therefore, be appointed to submit to this meeting of the Board the names of persons to be nominated to the Foreign Missions Conference.

4. The members of the Executive Committee should also be nominated.

XI. *Recommendations*.—We beg leave to submit the following recommendations:

1. That the Report of the Annual Meetings of the Board include the constitution, the roster of members and officers and of com-

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mittees for the year, the minutes of the Annual Meeting, and that plans be made to have this report ready for distribution before the Foreign Missions Conference.

2. That as a general rule before a conference of the Board is called, a Committee shall be appointed to submit a report on the theme proposed. This report, having been distributed in advance to those accepting the invitation to the conference, will serve as the basis for the discussion.

3. That the following budget of the Board of Missionary Preparation for the year April 1, 1918, to March 31, 1919, be adopted:

Expenses of Annual Meeting (including traveling expenses of members and stenographer)	\$900.00
Work of Committees of Board	600.00
Director's Salary	5,000.00
Director's Traveling Expenses	700.00
For Conferences	400.00
Office Expenses (including stenographers, clerks, stationery, postage, telegrams and telephones)	1,485.00
Printing	1,000.00
Executive Committee Expenses	400.00
Miscellaneous Items	100.00
Total	\$10,585.00

4. In view of the fact that the Committee of Reference and Counsel has now been incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, and that the Board of Missionary Preparation receives from the Committee of Reference and Counsel the funds necessary to carry on its work, it seems unnecessary to have a separate bank account for the Board of Missionary Preparation. We therefore recommend that instead of carrying a separate account for the Board of Missionary Preparation, the accounts of the Board be kept by the treasurer of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, and that the payments of the expenses of the Board be made regularly on presentation of bills properly endorsed by the Finance Committee of this Board.

5. That as a part of our next year's program Committees be appointed to make studies, as follows:

(1) A committee to study and report on the administrative problems in connection with the selection, the training and the appointment of missionary candidates.

It is recommended that when the studies of this committee have been completed, a conference be called to consider its report. This conference should be made up of candidate secretaries of foreign mission Boards, of secretaries responsible for foreign correspondence, representatives of institutions where candidates are trained, and members of the Board of Missionary Preparation.

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(2) A committee to study the relation of the training of missionaries at the home base to the work of the training schools now being established on the mission field.

It is recommended that when this committee has completed its investigations and is ready to report, a conference be called for the consideration of this subject. This conference should be made up of administrative secretaries of foreign mission Boards, representatives of institutions where candidates are to be trained at the home base, representatives of institutions training candidates on the field, the American members of the Sub-Committee on Training Schools in the Field appointed by the Continuation Committee, missionaries at home on furlough from different fields, and the members of the Board of Missionary Preparation.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee.

On motion of Dr. R. P. Mackay, the report of the Executive Committee was received and it was voted to consider the recommendations at the afternoon session.

The following Committee on Nominations was appointed by the Chair: William I. Chamberlain, Miss Helen B. Calder, Walter L. Lingle.

Dr. Sanders, as Director, then made the following statement to the Board in regard to his work:

I must begin with an explanation. A year ago it was voted—and with sound judgment,—that all reports which were to be presented at this Annual Meeting should be printed a month in advance and circulated among the members of the Board for thorough consideration. With this vote it was impossible to comply this year. A year ago we set the date of the Annual Meeting for early January. All plans were made during the year with that date in mind. When, by reason of the change of date for the Student Volunteer Movement Convention, it seemed wise to the Executive Committee to revert for the Annual Meeting to our usual date in early December, I was unable to force a corresponding alteration of speed upon chairmen, makers of reports and printers. Our work is very technical, must be accurate and cannot be speeded up suddenly without damage. Next year I am sure that the desires of the Board can be met, although the human factors in our case are hard to manage.

When I look back over the past year I can see a very definite advance in the standardizing of our work. Since our meeting a year ago we have greatly improved our reports on Presenting the Message of Christianity to the People of Different Faiths, not merely in a

technical but in a practical way, adding not alone to their scholarly value but also to their usefulness to the every-day student. I am sure that the more closely each member of the Board studies these reports, the more they will seem to approximate the ideal we are striving to reach. They have not been kept at the level of the young candidate, but they are not beyond his power of appreciation. They will enable him to visualize the missionary program before him in its real range and to set himself to the task of growing up to it.

The Board authorized the reports on presenting the Christian message at the Fourth Meeting, held in 1914. Little was done during the first year beyond organizing the Committees and developing sketches of three of the reports. For two years, however, the Committees have labored diligently to perfect their respective reports, subjecting each to the careful criticism of missionaries, students, experts and administrators, so that in the end each one shall represent a real consensus of missionary judgment. It has been well worth while to take all the time necessary for this process. Each one of the reports has undergone important modifications during this last year, largely increasing its availability. The problem has been to achieve scholarly accuracy while avoiding pedantry, and definite usefulness while avoiding pettiness.

As soon as the work can be completed we shall issue the following: the reports on Buddhism and on Primitive Religions; the revised editions of the reports on the Preparation of the Ordained Missionary, of the Medical Missionary, of the Educational Missionary and of Women for Foreign Missionary Service; the reports on the Preparation of Literary Workers and on Language Preparation and the three important reports on the Personal Life of the Missionary.

In due time the series of reports on the Preparation for Different Fields should be revised in the light of our experience and the criticism received since they were published.

As a part of a policy for the future would naturally be included additional reports on Missionary Types. The lay evangelist, the missionary wife, the Association secretary, the industrial worker, need discussion. Probably there should be made a careful study of the different types of training, English, Continental, Scandinavian, China Inland and others. Missionary specialization, too, is in the air. No doubt some definite policy for our Board will emerge from the report of the Committee on Specialization, which will be ready for its consideration next fall.

The pressure of editorial work has prevented much progress in the

other aspects of our work as a Board this year. I look forward to a time of more freedom of movement, giving me an opportunity for leisurely consultation with Board secretaries and their Boards, with the faculties of professional schools, of colleges and of training institutions. We now have the literature available for our task; it still remains to indoctrinate those who must execute these ideals.

I look forward to my approaching tour in China as a great opportunity. It will mean much to me to be able to listen through the meetings of the Continuation Committees of China and Japan, and thus to receive a comprehensive impression of the missionary task of today in those countries. I covet the privilege of consultation with missionary leaders. One of the questions of great importance before us today, which demands the coordinated thinking of the mission field and of the home base for its true solution, is that of the proper function in missionary training, on the one hand, of the highly specialized training center at home and, on the other, of the well-equipped training school in the field. I shall hope to study that question with open mind. Most of all, however, I look forward to the privilege of meeting groups of missionaries in their own districts and of sharing in their experiences. The trip will be an arduous one. I shall take every precaution to maintain my health and vigor. I go as your representative, with a sense of serious responsibility. I ask for your cooperation in planning details and for your continuous thought and prayer while away.

Each year, as its end approaches, seems busier and more significant than any of those before it. We seem to have adequate reason for growing enthusiasm, for continued devotedness to our task and for renewed determination to make the Board of Missionary Preparation an organization which performs its delegated task in a fine and altogether worthy way.

Principal O'Meara then raised the question whether the organizations served by the Board,—the mission Boards, the theological colleges and seminaries, and the missionaries on the foreign field, are really appreciative of its work and cooperating with it. President Mackenzie called for expressions of opinion. Mr. Turner replied for the Student Volunteer Movement, emphasizing the great value of the work of the Board in making available for Student Volunteers au-

thoritative statements regarding the preparation necessary for missionary service. Dr. Stanley White testified to the marked saving of his official time and energy as a Candidate Secretary in dealing with candidates by a liberal use of the Board's reports. Dr. Chamberlain expressed his approval of their usefulness in his dealings with the institutions from which missionary candidates come. Dr. Barton spoke of the value of the reports on the mission field itself, declaring that the American Board makes it a practise to send a copy of each significant report to the mission stations naturally interested in it. Professor Fleming and President White affirmed the value of the reports for the educational institutions which are seeking to do their share in preparing candidates for foreign missionary service. Mr. Drach emphasized the contributions of the Board through its reports to the growing spiritual unity of the churches. Dr. Mackay and Principal O'Meara testified to the hearty approval of the Canadian Boards and to their willing dependence upon the Board of Missionary Preparation for guidance in the vital task of preparation. Dr. Watson referred to the work already accomplished as a splendid foundation for a far-ranging program for the next seven years. The symposium was concluded by President Mackenzie, who declared that he likewise believed that the years to come would achieve results quite unanticipated by anyone today.

Dr. Sailer then made a statement concerning the work of the Committee on Specialization, of which he is the chairman.

In preparing the report on the Training of Educational Missionaries, several years ago, it became clear to me that specialization has become a very real problem on the mission field. I mean, of course, such specialization as enables a man to become more efficient in practical ways. Educational practise abroad and at home is more and more shaping toward concentration rather than diffusion and toward specific achievements. I meet with a group of Chinese and Japanese students

at Teachers College each week. Most of them are acquiring a highly specialized training. What is true at Columbia is true all over the country. These men will return to the Far East, some to enter government employ, some to go into business, others for professional tasks. With these men our missionaries will soon be compared, with men finely equipped for first-rate professional service.

Since the tendency of education today is toward the encouragement of specialization, we are sure in the future to have more men of highly specialized training among our candidates and we ought to make larger use of them. There is a steadily increasing need and demand on the field for such men. We must face this situation. To prepare the way for a conference which will really establish a mission Board policy with regard to specialization, it is essential to have accurate data. In order to get this data our Committee has prepared a statement of tendencies and principles for thoughtful consideration and review and a specific questionnaire, both of which have been sent out rather widely over the mission field. To these I invite your attention now.

After some incidental discussion of the printed statement and questionnaire, Dr. Bovaird alluded interestingly to the minutely specialized equipment of the regimental base hospitals at the encampments of the National Army as throwing light on what should be the case in medical missionary practice abroad. In his judgment medical missionaries no longer should be permitted to go out to do their work as well as circumstances may permit. They should be enabled to do their work justice, reasonable resources being at their disposal. Dr. Mackay referred to the union schools of higher learning now being established in various mission countries and to the fact that the furnishing of specialists for such high grade educational work will relieve to some extent the necessity of converting general missionaries into specialists.

The Report on the Preparation for Literary Work was then presented by its Chairman, Professor Soper, who declared that it had passed through several editions and now represented a complete rewriting. He also declared that it differed from the other reports in that while they were "accel-

erators," this report was a "deterrent," laying down clearly marked limits to preparation by candidates for specific literary work.

The report was discussed by Professor Beach, Mr. Turner, Director Sanders, Dr. Wardle and President Mackenzie.

The Report on the Physical Efficiency of the Missionary was introduced by the Chairman, Mr. Turner. He made a report of progress, reviewing a special conference of those interested in this subject held during the year and reporting the activity of several sub-committees, out of whose findings the promised report would develop during 1918.

The Report on the Preparation of Missionaries for Work among Buddhists was presented by the Chairman, Dr. Paul. He referred to the history of the report, already presented in a preliminary form to the Board at the last Annual Meeting, and, since then, sent around the missionary field, indicating that the range of criticisms and suggestions had been very broad, so that most of the mooted questions had been determined with reasonable clearness.

In the discussion which followed it was stated that the final report would be virtually a double volume, Mahayana Buddhism and Hinayana Buddhism demanding, each of them, a distinct treatment. This raised the question of the issuance of the report in one volume or in two. Despite the advantage of smaller size for distribution and for general use, it was agreed that the general unity of Buddhism demanded the single volume, however large, that the historical introduction would be the same for each main type of Buddhism, that the bibliography would require a differentiation neither easy nor desirable, that Hoffmann's treatise furnishes a good precedent for the combination, that a missionary dealing with one type of Buddhism needs to know the other type well, and that, from the apologetic point of view, an all-round treatment of Buddhism is quite essential. Dr. Soper testified that his own Japanese students were very

anxious to know historical Buddhism and its developments in Ceylon and Burma. The general conclusion of the discussion was in favor of printing the whole report in one volume. In response to a question whether adherents to Buddhism had seen the first draft and criticized it, Dr. Paul referred to Professor Anesaki of Tokyo. He also referred to Mr. Saunders of Burma and to Professor Reinsch as being of very great service to him.

The Report on Presenting the Christian Message to Hindus was then presented by the Chairman, Dr. Edward W. Capen.

Dr. Capen acknowledged his special obligations to Professors Fleming, Hopkins and Hume during the period of completing the report and detailed the many changes which had been made for the better since the first formulation. He declared that the editors had sought to keep the spiritual values of the report to the front; but that whether a complete balance had been maintained between the scholarly, the practical and the inspirational elements, only the future could show.

President Mackenzie, in opening the discussion, spoke as follows:

This important document is the first to appear of our new, third series of reports which deal with the religions of the world and the presentation of Christianity to them. We have reason to be very grateful to the Committee which has done this most admirable piece of work. If the other Committees attain the standard of this report, I am sure that we shall be highly satisfied with the series as a whole. The concluding part of this report on Hinduism represents an enormous amount of labor. A glance at it must convince us of the self-sacrificing diligence that lies behind such a scholarly achievement. I cannot at this time think of a single theme that has been omitted. Notice the series of studies of special value. That list takes a man through the successive periods of his missionary career, indicating to what he could wisely give attention at each successive stage of his great task of presenting Christianity to the Hindu.

The report was discussed by Professor Fleming, President King, Professor Beach, Director Sanders, Dr. Mackay and Mr. Turner.

It was then voted to express the gratitude of the Board to the Committee for its diligence in bringing the report to such a successful completion.

Adjournment was then taken for luncheon, the Board convening again in the afternoon at 2 P.M.

When the Board reassembled, at the suggestion of Chairman Mackenzie, the Order of the Day was altered so as to take up immediately the recommendations of the Executive Committee. (See pages 28, 29 and 30.) The recommendations were considered and adopted *seriatim*, and then adopted as a whole.

The preliminary sketch of the report of the Committee on the Intellectual, Social and Practical Life of the Missionary was then presented by the Chairman, President J. Ross Stevenson.

The report was discussed by Dr. Wardle, President Mackenzie, Director Sanders, Dr. Stanley White, President King, Principal O'Meara and Professor Carver.

The preliminary report of the Committee on the Spiritual Life of the Missionary was then presented by the Chairman, Dr. Robert E. Speer, who spoke in part as follows:

This preliminary report has been prepared partly out of experience, partly out of missionary biography, and partly out of material that has come in in response to a questionnaire containing eight sets of topics on which a number of missionaries of experience were asked to comment and make their suggestions.

The two general purposes were, first, to deal with those aspects of the spiritual need and experience that we all know, just because we are men and women; and, second, to have in mind a treatment of the subject that would relate all this to the actual facts of missionary life, and that would attempt to make the conditions of missionary life, as far as possible, themselves the springs of spiritual strength, so that

the very difficulties and limitations of the missionary life, instead of being made a hindrance to spiritual character, might be so many challenges, so many scaffoldings, so many opportunities for the Spirit of God to make men and women everywhere to try to be themselves the saviors of life, the fulcrums of power in their own lives.

The preparation of such a report could be made very easy by just taking the biographies of many of the most useful missionaries, collating suggestions from them or by gathering and developing the results of our own spiritual experience. On the other hand, its preparation is difficult, partly because there is a real danger of falling into commonplaceness and an equally real danger of straining after an original and striking development, not issuing from everyday experience; and partly because the spiritual life cannot readily be segregated from the rest of the missionary life. In the days of Henry Martyn lines of cleavage could be drawn. But today the spiritual life is just the whole living, run through with the right principle and so disseminated as to yield the right fruitage.

Your Committee hopes that this tentative report will be thoroughly overhauled and closely criticized. If ever there was presented to this Board a report that ought to be taken in hand by every member and mercilessly dissected, this is that report. We have never dealt with any more important subject than this one. If we were forced to concentrate all our efforts for the production of one satisfactory report, this ought to be that one.

We aimed, first, to state, broadly yet vitally, the fundamental spiritual aim of foreign missionary work, then to deal with the actual difficulties and needs of missionary life, as set forth out of the flesh and blood experiences of the men and women on the field. Taking up then the conditions and associations of missionary service and discussing the secret of making them a means of constant spiritual enlargement and joy, we pass to the processes of spiritual qualification, to different types of spiritual preparation, to the share of missionary Boards in this process of spiritual cultures and so come finally to the study of the relation of the home base to the whole problem, for ultimately its solution rests with the spiritual character and tone of the churches at home.

The report was discussed by Professor Fleming, Dr. Sanders and President Mackenzie. It was approved with the

understanding that each member should without delay send to the Director his suggestions regarding the report.

The Report on the Presentation of Christianity to Confucian Peoples was then presented by the Chairman, Professor Harlan P. Beach. He reported that it would soon appear in complete and final form, and detailed the changes made since the annual meeting of 1916 and explained them.

The Report on the Presentation of Christianity to Animistic Peoples was discussed by the Chairman, President Mackenzie, who spoke as follows:

I am the chairman of this Committee and had the bravest and best intentions, two years ago, when I undertook the work. Eighteen months ago I carried up into Canada, to my summer home, a large box of carefully selected books on Animism, but my physical condition made it possible to get but very little work done. Last fall I planned to make a fresh start and Doctor Sanders and I had a meeting. You all know how unexpectedly and absolutely I was deprived of the strength or opportunity to push along the report. This outline that is now before you has been worked up by Doctor Sanders and others.

We submit this sketch to you as the first draft of the outline. I think it will have to be criticized today by the Committee and then sent out all over the world, as our custom is, to get suggestions as to omitted matters and hints as to the best way of treating the points named here.

The first question of importance relates to the term Animism. Strictly speaking, Animism is not a name for all forms of primitive religion. Possibly it will seem preferable in the end to use the latter term. Again, to localize Animism is difficult, since animistic survivals are found in the most advanced civilizations. The report as here outlined will consider the leading developments of Animism, the removal of animistic errors, the task of Christianity in meeting animistic needs and the preparation of a missionary to Animists.

The report was discussed by Professor Soper, Professor Beach, Professor Robins, President Mackenzie, Dr. Sanders,

President Wardle, President Paul, Dr. Mackay, President King and Dr. Stanley White.

The Report on the Presentation of Christianity to Islam was then presented in the temporary absence of the Chairman, President Charles R. Watson, by Director Sanders, who explained that the report was ready for printing but was being held for two much coveted critiques from Cairo. He indicated that during the year much had been added to the report, especially concerning the legal and theological developments of Islam, under the competent guidance, during the enforced absence of Dr. Watson in Egypt, of Professors Macdonald and Torrey, with much assistance from Mr. Howard A. Walter of India and Professor J. K. Birge of Turkey.

Professor Beach, who had read the report in proof, heartily endorsed its value, declaring that it was clear and comprehensive, a report in which the Board would take very great pride. He recognized that it would be hard reading for young candidates, but said that such could be referred to the volume on Islam in the Home University Library.

The report was further discussed by Miss Calder, Dr. Sanders, Dr. Mackay, Mr. Turner, President Mackenzie and Professor Soper. The need of a simpler report for young candidates was remanded for future consideration. Professor Soper expressed his opinion that the whole series of reports on Religions would prove very valuable to classes in Religions in our theological seminaries.

Director Sanders then presented a printed schedule, embodying his proposed itinerary in the Far East and giving the themes to be discussed in conferences with missionaries. The itinerary had been worked out by the aid of Dr. Warnshuis, Mr. Brockman and others, but was subject to an entire change in detail after reaching China, where the Continuation Committee had consented to make arrangements for the meetings through its secretary, Mr. Lobenstine.

The outline was discussed by President White, Dr. Stan-

ley White, Dr. Sanders, President Mackenzie, Dr. Warnshuis, Dr. Mackay, Mr. Turner and President King. It was agreed that the Director should feel at liberty to make necessary changes in the interest either of more intensive work or of good health.

It was voted also to request the Committee of Reference and Counsel to permit an allowance of \$500 out of the expense budget of the Director for 1917 and 1918 to be appropriated by the Board toward the traveling expenses of the Director on his approaching visit to the Far East, the remainder of his budget of travel to be secured by him.

In response to a query regarding the conduct of the work during the Director's absence in the Far East, Dr. Sanders stated that he hoped to round up all the pressing matters by March 1st and that his secretary was competent, under Mr. Turner's general guidance, to keep everything in hand.

The Report on Language Preparation was presented by Director Sanders, who explained its details and urged each member to give it immediate and keen attention.

The Committee on Nominations then reported through its chairman, Dr. Chamberlain:

Your Committee on Nominations begs leave to report as follows:

We nominate the following persons as members of the Board to serve until March 31st, 1921:

Professor Frederick L. Anderson of Newton Centre, Mass.

Reverend George Drach of Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. James Endicott of Toronto, Canada.

Miss Margaret E. Hodge of Philadelphia, Pa.

Professor Paul Monroe of New York City.

Dr. John R. Mott of New York City.

President Charles T. Paul of Indianapolis, Ind.

Professor Henry B. Robins of Rochester, N. Y.

Dr. T. H. P. Sailer of New York City.

Dr. Robert E. Speer of New York City.

Dr. Charles R. Watson of Philadelphia, Pa.

President Wilbert W. White of New York City.

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For Officers for the year, April 1, 1918 to March 31, 1919:

Chairman, W. Douglas Mackenzie.
Secretary, Fennell P. Turner.
Treasurer, William I. Chamberlain.

For the Executive Committee:

The above officers *ex-officio*.
James L. Barton.
Helen B. Calder.
James Endicott.
H. E. W. Fosbroke.
John R. Mott.
J. Ross Stevenson.

For Director for the year, April 1, 1918 to March 31, 1919:

Frank Knight Sanders.

On motion the report was adopted and the members elected on a ballot cast by the Secretary.

The question then came up for the second time regarding the policy of the Board in dating its reports. It was voted that when a report has passed through several revisions it shall bear, on the title page, the date of the revision actually printed.

After prayer by Dr. Mackay the Board adjourned at 6:15 o'clock, P.M.

